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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, said period of response being extended from December 22, 2004 to January 24, 2005 (with January 22, 2004 being a Saturday).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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